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Our Docket No. 990356.ORI

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re App : Nuss
S.N. : 09/760,136
Filed : 01/12/2001
For : Titanium Molybdenum Alloy Guidewires

Art Unit 3736

Examiner Wingood

AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated 02/13/2002.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, in the first paragraph of the Description of the Related Art please amend the paragraph to read:

A major requirement for guidewires and other guiding members, whether they are solid wire or tubular members, is that they have sufficient column strength to be pushed through passageways in a patient such as the patient's vascular system with minimal kinking or binding. However, the distal section of the guidewire must be flexible enough to avoid damaging the blood vessel or other body lumen through which it is advanced. Efforts have been made to improve both the strength and flexibility of guidewires to make them more suitable for their intended uses, but strength for pushing and flexibility for turning without damaging vascular walls tend to be diametrically opposed to one another, in that an increase

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